



Youth Leadership Program on Oceans

Student Application- PHILIPPINES

Application Deadline: December 4, 2015 (Saturday)

Program Description: Students are invited to apply for participation in the Youth Leadership Program focused on Oceans. The program will employ a highly interactive approach both in workshops and in a range of public and community settings. Through engagement in the activities, the student will better understand the importance of protecting our oceans, civic participation, and will improve their leadership skills.

The Youth Leadership Program on Oceans will be specifically focused on elevating ocean issues as an international priority and to promote significant action on key issues including marine pollution, sustainable fishing, ocean acidification, and marine protected areas. The program will include 18 youth and 2-4 adult mentors from Southeast Asian countries.

The dates of this U.S.-based program are March 5-26, 2016 and will include the following itinerary:

- March 5-11: Lake Tahoe Orientation and Leadership Camp
- March 11-21: 10-days in one of two host communities (the group will be split). Potential host communities are Seattle, Washington and Pensacola, Florida, but others are also possible.
- March 21-26: Washington, DC – the group will be reunited and each student will present his or her plan to implement an ocean-focused community service project upon returning home.

The goals of the Youth Leadership Program on Oceans are to:

- promote mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and sending countries;
- include significant interaction with American peers and/or families;
- empower participants to be actively engaged in addressing issues related to ocean pollution, acidification, sustainable fishing, and protection of designated marine areas upon their return home;
- foster relationships among youth from different ethnic, religious and national groups; and
- prepare youth leaders to become responsible citizens and contributing members of their communities.

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Students who may apply are those who:

- Will be at least 15 years old and not more than 18 years old during the program dates;
- Have good English skills, sufficient for understanding academic discussion and everyday social interactions;
- Currently live in and are legal residents of the Philippines.
- Have a strong interest in the preservation and protection of the world's oceans and have demonstrated this interest through past activities;
- Have permission from both parents and schools to participate in the entire program.

Instructions for completing this application: Please fill out the application in English as completely as possible. The information you provide on this application will provide the basis for selecting semi-finalists for this program. Answer the questions carefully and completely.

Applications should be submitted to:

ysealiphilippines@state.gov with the subject title YLPO_ (Applicant's last name)
For example: YLPO_ BAUTISTA

(Only computerized or typed (NOT HAND-WRITTEN) application form will be accepted.)

Youth Leadership Program on Oceans

Student Application

About you: Please print your name clearly exactly as it appears on your passport.

Last (Family) Name:

(Last word of your name)

First Name:

Complete Name:

Nickname:

Female

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Male

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Upload or paste photo
here

Birth date Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

Address _____

City, Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

City & Country of Birth _____

Country of citizenship or permanent legal residence _____

About your family:

Parent or guardian name(s) _____

Address (if different from yours) _____

Father Telephone _____ Email _____

Mother Telephone _____ Email _____

| Brothers/ Sisters | Name | Gender | Age | Occupation |
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About your education:

School name _____

School address _____

City, Postal code _____

Current Grade _____ Year you will graduate _____

How many years have you studied English? _____

Do you speak any other languages besides your native language and English? Which ones?

About your academic and community interests:

Academic subjects you are most interested in: _____

Please describe the activities (extracurricular, community, hobbies) in which you have participated, how long you have been involved with each, any awards or honors. Use additional space as needed.

Future studies and/or possible occupations you've considered _____

Can you identify a specific issue or problem affecting the ocean in your region? What might you do to help resolve this problem?

Essay Questions

Please answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. Why is participation in this program important to you and how will it benefit your community?
2. What do you see as the qualities of a good leader? Describe someone you know personally who you admire as a good leader and explain why.
3. Describe a challenge you have faced and how you overcame it.

Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

More about you:

Do you have a valid passport? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes: Issuing Country _____

Passport Number _____ Expiration Date
(day/month/year) _____

Have you ever lived and/or studied in the United States or in another country? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, where, when, and why? _____

Signatures:

All information in this application is accurate and true

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

I permit my son/daughter to apply for and, if selected, to participate in this program

Parent or guardian signatures: _____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Reference (1)

For the Applicant: Below, fill in your name and give this form to a teacher or other adult outside your family who knows you well. Ask the reference to fill out the form and return it.

Applicant Name _____

For the Reference: The student named above is applying to take part in Youth Leadership Program, a 21-day exchange program in the United States. The selected students will be in a challenging academic environment and intensive leadership training. To succeed, the participants must be highly motivated, and be able to adjust to living and working with people of different social and cultural backgrounds. We value your honest assessment of the applicant in helping us select the most appropriate participants. If you would like to add additional comments, we encourage you to do so. Your answers will remain confidential.

Please indicate your opinion of this applicant's ability to meet the challenges of this program.

- ☐ I strongly recommend this student
- ☐ I recommend this student
- ☐ I have minor reservations about recommending this applicant
- ☐ I have major reservations about recommending this applicant
- ☐ I do not recommend this student

How long, and in what context, have you known this applicant?

What are the applicant's strengths?

What are the academic or personal areas in which this applicant needs more development?

Please describe the applicant's behavior with respect to authority, peer relationships, and activities.

Do you think the applicant would adapt well to unfamiliar environments and new situations? Why or why not?

Name (printed) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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